

Remarks

The Examiner has required an election between the following Species:

Species A including figures 1-5 and directed to a blade having bead applied to a top free edge (4) of a blade body that has already been matched; and

Species B including figures 6-11 and directed a blade having a bead applied to a top surface (F) of a blade body where the blade and the bead are machined at the same time.

The Examiner additionally indicated that claims 2 and 7 are specific to Species A; claims 3, 6, and 9 are specific to Species B and; claims 1, 3, 5, 8 and 10-12 are generic.

The election of the claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-12 and Species A containing figures 1-5 has been made with traverse.

In traversing the restriction, it should be noted that in paragraph 42 of the specification a variant of the finishing operation is listed as "... finishing the cutting edge 3 simultaneously with the operation of finishing the blade body 2..." in reference to figures 1-5.

It is also respectfully noted that the claims and figures of both species would fall within the same search field, therefore it is believed the required search would not place an undo burden on the Examiner to include all claims and figures in the

prosecution of the application as filed.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

If there are any deficiencies in the fees, they may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

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